

## Watch for Pair Pulling Check Racket--Police

A young man and woman posing as a married couple who work a bum check racket on furniture store operators are believed to be operating in the Torrance area and police officers yesterday issued a warning for store managers to be on guard.

Two persons, answering the description of a pair of known swindlers, contacted salesmen at the Universal and Star furniture stores here Monday and used the same lingo as those wanted by authorities.

"We have just sold our house and have purchased another. My wife is pregnant, and we are looking for some furniture. If we decide to buy, we'll come back," the suspects told Steve Schmidt at the Star firm.

Officers reported that a couple had contacted the Universal store with the same story.

The wanted couple will attempt to pass stolen checks reportedly signed by a Charles L. Alberts, it was stated.

## Lodge Xmas Funds Swiped

Thugs who walked in an open back door, forced three other locked wooden doors and made off with \$14.88 in pennies from a Christmas Fund bank at the Moose Hall, 1744 Carson St., according to police.

Papers and valuables in an office desk were scattered throughout the room but nothing evidently was taken, James A. Evans told officers. A small filing cabinet had been jimmied loose.

## Capt. Gerald T. Davis Ends Refresher Course

Captain Gerald T. Davis of Torrance recently completed the Transportation Company Grade Officers' Refresher Course at the Army's Transportation School, Fort Eustis, Virginia.

The four-week course is designed to instruct Reserve Company Grade officers in the latest developments and methods used in the Transportation Corps.

A graduate of Shortridge High School, Indianapolis, Indiana, Captain Davis later attended Tennessee Military Institute, Sweetwater, Tennessee.

Captain Davis is married to the former Miss Ora Benson of Parowan, Utah.

## Hub Caps Taken

Four chrome hub caps were taken from his sedan while it was parked downtown, Jack Fees, of 1827 Reynosa Dr., told police Sunday night.

## North Torrance Jattler

By HELENE ALLISON  
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The excitement of the convention is over and many are pleased over the selection of Eisenhower, even the children were chanting "I Like Ike!" That kind man returned a bright new motor to the washer that caused so much confusion at this address and this reporter learned in the past weeks that man's best friend may be his dog, but woman's is very definitely her washer! (especially if she has four boys).

Rev. and Mrs. Kenneth Zeller were welcomed in a double reception for the returning Rev. Miller to Central Church and to their own church held at McMaster hall each Sunday at 9:30. Many from North Torrance were on hand to greet the new minister and his wife, Jack White gave a welcoming speech, several solo selections were sung and a buffet luncheon followed. Those attending were Mr. and Mrs. Dave Dyer, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Brooks, the Carlstroms, and Mrs. Alice McKenzie. The Zellers have only recently moved to 17035 Atkinson and plans for a church in this area are under way. Each Sunday brings more and more to the hall and soon a Sunday school will be started. Rev. Zeller has made a host of friends.

Two of the most disappointed little girls are Diane and Darlene Holechek, 17038 Glenburn Ave., who have planned for weeks to attend Camp Osito—the Girl Scout camp. They spent one day, only to be sent home for observation because their brother Mark contracted polio. Mark, by the way, is home, but is to remain in bed for some time. We are extremely happy to hear he is doing so well.

Glad to hear that Mrs. Millie Styles of Crenshaw is home from the hospital and doing so well. Mrs. Maud Eaton, 17203 Atkinson, has returned to her home after surgery and is reported doing nicely.

Miss Sally Collins, 17025 Crenshaw and Col. Edward H. Von Behren of George Air Base, spent a very delightful weekend viewing the races at Carroll Speedway and Saturday danced at the popular Palladium.

Couple of new cases of measles in the area. Rodney Sinclair and Jimmie Derry, both of Glenburn have had the "speckles." Only last week Jimmie Derry celebrated his fourth birthday with a party and in listing the children, it seems I missed the Lloyds, Shirley and Gary, who also live on the street. Sorry!

Welcome to the Howard Worthen family, who have moved to 2903 W. 175th St. The family consists of Howard and wife, also Sandra, Carol Sue and Jimmie. Mr. Worthen is recuperating from an injury received in a blast. Carol Sue fell

## MAN FOUND TIED UP

It was reported today that a local man, Sam Van Wagner, was found tied up in his place of business located at 2083 Torrance Blvd. This was not the first time Mr. Van Wagner has been found tied up and he hopes it isn't the last time. Van finds himself tied up in his work often. He claims it's relatively easy to become tied up since there is so much hand tying of springs.

Sam Van Wagner of Van's Mattress & Upholstery Co., says: "Business isn't GOOD business until it makes a friend" and, as such, he tries to treat the customer as though he were the customer himself. The phone please — Tor.1194. It's an ad.

and broke her arm this week. Let's hope the new address brings better luck.

Around 100 boys and girls enjoyed a watermelon feast Friday at McMaster hall. According to spectators it was really something to see! Seems this group missed the circus at the

Shrine Auditorium and the wa-termelon sorta compensated.

ty this week and all the gals splurged; (Husbands please ignore).

Deane Buffington, 2712 W. 175th St., celebrated his fourth birthday this week, and those on hand to share the ice cream and cake included Linda DeLange, Janet Johnson, Virginia

The "Stitch and Chatter" Club met at the home of Dorothy Dallas and surprised Mrs. Trudy Graham, 2804 W. 174th, with a baby shower. Many pastel articles were presented to Trudy, who was indeed pleased. Now

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here's a group that really means to keep trim and in shape. Seems they are taking a course in calisthenics at the Torrance High School.

Ann and Frank Simerack,

240 W. 178th Pl., have just purchased a sleek black '52 Ford! Francis and Dorothy Stockle of 2612 W. 175th St., also have a new car, a Chevrolet, and are contemplating a vacation in Washington.

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By Jack Treskes

Walt Disney once applied for a job as an artist at the Kansas City Star. The editor informed him he had no talent whatsoever and advised him to give up drawing.

Seems like the thing that most folks have the most of is advice.

We limit our advice thusly: "No matter what your build, if you want to improve its appearance, we have just the shade, color, weave and pattern of suit that will do it for you. Come try your suit on for size. — Today—TRESKES Men's Wear, 1319 El Prado (Between Newberry's and McCown Drug Store).

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